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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This Response is filed in order to make the "Amendment to the claims" section of the applicant's amendment document filed on August 18, 2003 compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.21, as amended on June 30, 2003.

The applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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